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**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the restriction requirement mailed March 22, 2006, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction of claims 1-6 into Groups I and II. Applicants believe that, while a genus/species restriction may be appropriate, it is inappropriate to restrict claims 1-6 into two different groups in the manner stated in the restriction requirement. As required under 37 CFR §1.143, Applicants elect Group II. Applicants submit herewith a preliminary amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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